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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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**SUBJECT:** Extending Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for all nations currently included in the program, and establishing a pathway to permanent residency for TPS and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients

**Background**

1. Nationwide, there are over 325,000 TPS holders, including more than 250,000 individuals from El Salvador, 86,000 from Honduras, and 59,000 from Haiti.
2. The second largest number of TPS recipients nationally live in Maryland, including 19,800 Salvadorans with 17,100 U.S.-born children and 1,900 Hondurans with more than 1,300 U.S.-born children. A total of 18,000 workers are Salvadoran TPS holders. More than 5,100 households of TPS holders in Maryland have home mortgages.
3. Losses to state GDP annually without Salvadoran TPS holders would total \$1.1 billion. For Hondurans, the state GDP loss would total \$89.6 million.
4. It is estimated that ending TPS for Salvadorans, Haitians, and Hondurans would result in a \$6.9 billion reduction to Social Security and Medicare contributions over a decade, and the deportation of these individuals would cost taxpayers \$3.1 billion.
5. TPS provides protection from deportation and grants employment authorization to individuals from countries that have experienced armed conflict, environmental disasters, or other life-threatening conditions. Under federal law, TPS protections must be regularly renewed by the Administration to remain in effect.
6. TPS protections for nationals from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, and other countries have been in place for about 20 years. However, the current Administration has announced that it will no longer renew TPS for nationals from Nicaragua, Haiti, and other nations. The Department of Homeland Security is currently reviewing possible termination of all other TPS programs, including TPS benefits for 250,000 Salvadorans and 57,000 Hondurans.

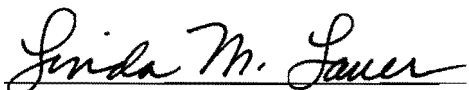
7. TPS holders are a vibrant part of our community, raising families, starting businesses, buying homes, and making other valuable contributions to our County. Meanwhile, conditions in TPS-designated countries have remained dangerous and unsafe, such that deportation to those countries would place individuals and their families at grave risk. Thus, the termination of TPS would harm the Montgomery County by negatively impacting the lives of long-term County residents, separating parents from their U.S.-born children, and damaging the local economy.
8. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a similar form of protected status for young immigrants who were brought to the United States at a young age, are attending school or have successfully completed their education, and successfully passed background checks. The program has allowed young immigrants to work and study while protected from deportation.
9. The educational investment made in DACA recipients is a critical component to the long-term success of our nation. To make such an investment and then deport those residents is shortsighted and counter-productive.
10. DACA's nearly 800,000 young men and women have successfully been able to contribute to their communities through working, going to school, and living their lives without the fear of being ripped away from their families and from a country they consider home.
11. Maryland is home to more than 9,700 DACA beneficiaries. Their DACA status will terminate in March 2018 if they are not provided with a path to legalize their status. Maryland will lose more than \$500 million annually in gross domestic product.

### **Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The Council urges the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Federal Government to work together to legislate a pathway to permanent residency for TPS holders, some of whom have been protected under the program for nearly two decades, and for all DACA eligible beneficiaries whose contributions are important to the well-being of our County, State, and nation.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council